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SUBJECT: NEW OVERSEAS MINISTER VISITS ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

1. BALTAZAR REBELO DE SOUSA, NAMED OVERSEAS MINISTER MONTH AGO, DEPARTED DEC. 4 FOR FAMILIARIZATION AND CONSULTATION TRIP TO ANGOLA FOR MOZAMBIQUE DEC. 10.

2. IN BRIEF DEPARTURE REMARKS AT AIRPORT, REBELO DE SOUSA STRESSED HIS DESIRE GET TO KNOW OVERSEAS TERRITORIES BETTER AND HEAR VIEWS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS WITH REGARD TO ACTIVITIES OF OVERSEAS MINISTRY. MINISTRY IS SOON TO BE REORGANIZED UNDER NEW LAW NOW IN DRAFTING STAGE; MINISTER SAYS LAW WILL GOVERN "MINISTRY'S RELATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS."

3. FEW DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE, REBELO DE SOUSA GRANTED INTERVIEW TO BRITISH JOURNALISTS; HIS REMARKS WIDELY QUOTED HERE. MINISTER EMPHASIZED NEED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH "POLITICO-ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY" FOR OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (HIS PREDECESSOR HAS ALWAYS INSISTED THAT AUTONOMY WAS ONLY "ADMINISTRATIVE"). HE ALSO WARNED THAT AUTONOMY MUST BE

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ACCOMPANIED BY "BROAD ACCESS TO THE EXERCISE OF POWER BY

THOSE AFFECTED" BY IT, OR ELSE QUTONOMY WOULD LACK GENUINENESS  
AND WOULD "FAVOR THE NARROW INTEREST OF MINORITIES."

4. ALTHOUGH NOT ANNOUNCED, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF  
REBELO DE SOUSA VISITED PORTUGUESE GUINEA, PERHAPS EVEN  
MEDINA DE BOE.

5. COMMENT: GOP TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO  
STRESS "AUTONOMY" THEME. MINISTER'S WARNING (PARA 3) UNDOUBTEDLY  
INTENDED WARN WHITES OVERSEAS, PARTICULARLY IN ANGOLA, THAT  
GOP WILL NOT PERMIT "AUTONOMY" TO DEVELOP ALONG LINES THAT  
COULD LEAD TO WHITE MINORITY TAKEOVER.  
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